

CITY OF BETHLEHEM
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

SUBJECT: Request for Deferral of Sidewalk – 1780 E 4th Street (Sheetz)

TO: Darlene Heller, Director of Planning & Zoning

FROM: Amy Rohrbach, Project Engineer

DATE: February 22, 2023

A request for deferral of sidewalk was received from Hanover Engineering for the sidewalk along Emery Street for the proposed Sheetz development at 1780 E 4th Street. The developer proposes to construct a Sheetz Gas station and convenience store located in LVIP VII Saucon Tract on the southern side of E 4th Street (412). The site will have vehicular access through a right in/out driveway at the western end of the lot on 412 and via the private rear access road along the back of the lot which is accessible from Emery Street which is a city street. The location currently has sidewalk along the frontage with E 4th Street and the developer proposed to construct a connection from this existing sidewalk onto their property to connect to an internal painted crosswalk for pedestrians to access the store. The applicant is requesting a deferral of sidewalk along the public frontage with Emery Street. This distance is less than 300’.

Since the rear access road is a private street and will not contain sidewalk, installing sidewalk along this portion of Emery Street would serve little purpose in providing connectivity within the site. All pedestrian access will be maintained off of the sidewalk along E 4th Street. Based on these information/facts, it is the opinion of the Department of Public Works that a deferral of sidewalk shall be granted for this portion of Emery Street at this time.

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Attachment: Hanover Engineering Waiver Request letter dated 2/9/2023